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## Ponce de Leon/Moreland Avenue Corridors Study

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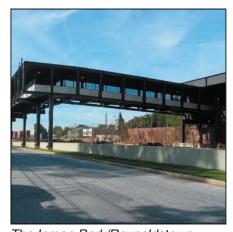
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Ponce de Leon Avenue



Moreland Avenue



The Inman Park/Reynoldstown MARTA station

#### INTRODUCTION

#### Overview

The **Ponce de Leon/Moreland Avenue Corridors Study** represents the result of an intense six month session to envision positive change, balanced with thoughtful preservation, along greater Moreland and Ponce de Leon Avenues. The plan includes recommendations that balance the desires expressed by residents, businesses, property owners, GDOT, the City of Atlanta, MARTA and other stakeholders during the planning process, coupled with sound planning. The plan is a visionary yet achievable blueprint for change that re ect each Study Areas's historic nature, limited rights-of-way, strong pedestrian orientation, transit-supportive land uses and high development pressure. To this end, the study strives to strengthen the transportation and land use relationship by:

- Improving traffic operations by focussing on more efficient utilization of existing pavement.
- Balancing the regional and state roles and needs of Ponce de Leon and Moreland Avenues with their context and maintaining or improving their vehicular Levels of Service.
- Making existing MARTA transit facilities more user-friendly and efficient.
- Balancing the citywide need to focus mixed-use development into corridors with potential impacts on neighborhoods.
- Establishing a series of pedestrian-oriented mixed-use nodes that build on historic or existing nodes.

With time, Study recommendations will transform Ponce de Leon and Moreland Avenues into dynamic walkable urban corridors with: wide, tree-lined sidewalks; preserved historic structures; quality transit; safe and smooth traffic ow; human-scaled buildings; and social diversity. Higher intensity commercial and mixed-uses will be concentrated in nodes, while the areas between will provide housing options. This vision also extends to nearby transit stations, where transit-supportive land uses enhance neighborhoods and reduce auto-dependence.

For far too long Atlanta's major avenues have been barriers that divide neighborhoods and people, encourage anti-urban land use patterns, and represent tears in the city's historic fabric. This Study offers a future in which these same avenues can become dynamic urban places that bring neighborhoods and people together, support a variety of transportation choices, and become places that Atlantans can truly be proud of.

#### **Format**

The Study is divided into five sections:

#### **Section 1: Inventory and Analysis**

This section provides an overview of the Livable Centers Initiative (LCI) program and a summary of existing conditions. Study Area components are divided into categories. Within each category an overview is provided, existing conditions are described, and strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats are summarized.

#### **Section 2: Visioning**

This section includes a review of the planning process used during this Study, including public meetings, image preference surveys, and community-based study goals and objectives.

#### **Section 3: Recommendations**

This section includes the recommendations developed as part of the public involvement process, tempered with current best practices of transportation operations and planning, urban design, land use planning, and historic resource protection.

#### **Section 4: Action Plan**

This section is a summary of the steps that the City of Atlanta and others must undertake to achieve the Study recommendations. It includes 15 Year Future Land Use Plan Map changes, zoning changes, public and private projects, and funding strategies.

#### **Section 5: Appendix**

The appendix includes documentation of the public involvement process, as well as detailed data analysis performed during the planning process.



## CITY COUNCIL ATLANTA, CEORGIA Municipal Clerk Atlanta, Georgia

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A RESOLUTION:

CDP-05-12

BY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT/HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE PONCE DE LEON AVENUE/MORELAND AVENUE CORRIDORS PLAN BY REFERENCE INTO THE 2004-2019 COMPREHENSIVE DEVELOPMENT PLAN OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the City of Atlanta has conducted the Ponce de Leon Avenue/Moreland Avenue Corridors Study for the Ponce de Leon Avenue corridor from Peachtree Street to Moreland Avenue, the Moreland Avenue Corridor from Ponce de Leon Avenue to I-20, and the areas surrounding the Inman Park/Reynoldstown and Edgewood/Candler Park MARTA rail stations; and

WHEREAS, the residents and property owners in NPUs E, F, M, N, O, and W worked with the Bureau of Planning Staff and a consultant team led by Tunnell-Spangler-Walsh, Inc., to develop a vision for residential, office, commercial and employment growth, and the appropriate and desirable means for accommodating the resulting transportation impacts; and

WHEREAS, this planning document entitled the Ponce de Leon/Moreland Avenue Corridors Study has been developed based upon the direct input of the residents, property/business owners and other stakeholders in the study area; and

WHEREAS, the City Council wishes to adopt said plan as a guide for future development.

NOW, THEREFORE THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA, **GEORGIA, HEREBY RESOLVES:** 

**SECTION1:** That the PONCE DE LEON/MORELAND AVENUE CORRIDORS STUDY, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit A, is hereby adopted by reference as a component of the Comprehensive Development Plan by the City Council of the City of Atlanta, Georgia.

**SECTION2:** That all resolutions and parts of resolutions in conflict herewith are hereby rescinded.

A true copy,

**ADOPTED** by the Council **APPROVED** by the Mayor

**AUG 15, 2005** AUG 22, 2005

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